

James Monroe to Andrew Jackson, January 30, 1823, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Washington, January 30, 1823.

Dear Sir, You will have been informed by Mr. Eaton that I had nominated you to the Senate, as Envoy Extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Mexico, and you will have seen by the papers that your nomination has been confirmed. I have intended this, as a new proof of my confidence in your integrity and patriotism, and of your ability to execute a very high and important trust with advantage to your country. Should you accept it, you will be sent in a public vessel, which will afford accommodations for your family, and the time of your departure will be made convenient to yourself. Your commission will be forwarded to you by the Secretary of State, in a few days, and such arrang'ments made respecting your outfit as you may direct. It is not however wished that you should accept this trust, unless it be perfectly agreeable to yourself. It is known that the nomination was made, without consulting you, and in the sense above stated. There is therefore no obligation on you, to act otherwise, than may be altogether in accord with your own views and wishes. Mr. Eaton will I presume, have inform'd you, that I consulted him, before I made the nomination, on the propriety of making it, in respect to yourself, at the present interesting moment, and that he was decidedly of opinion, that it was free from all objection, in relation to any object, and under any view, that might be taken of it.

Mr Poinsette has just returned from a visit which he made last summer to Mexico, and has given me a sketch of his observations, on the state of affairs there, which I have

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not yet read, but doubt not is very interesting. Should you accept the mission, it shall be communicated to you.

Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. Hay join their best regards to Mrs. Jackson, and be assur'd of my best wishes for your health and welfare, being very sincerely yours